

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger unit as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one reinforcing fin runs in a longitudinal direction of the side part.
3. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger unit as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one reinforcing fin runs in a transverse direction of the side part.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger unit as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one reinforcing fin is provided with at least one securing means.
6. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger unit, in particular for a motor vehicle, comprising at least one heat exchanger, having tubes and heat-transfer fins, and having at least one side part, which comprises a baseplate and at least one reinforcing fin, wherein at least one reinforcing fin is formed by a deformed center piece of the surface of the baseplate; The heat exchanger unit as claimed in claim 5, wherein at least one reinforcing fin is provided with at least one securing means; and characterized in that wherein the at least one securing means is formed by an at least partially deformed reinforcing fin.
7. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger unit as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the side part has at least one expansion section, which is formed by one or more apertures which are, ~~in particular~~ aligned with one another, and a plurality of webs adjoining the apertures, at least one aperture corresponding to a center piece of the surface of the baseplate which has been deformed to form a reinforcing fin.

8. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger unit as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the webs have fold-like beads.

9. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a side part for a heat exchanger unit according to claim 10, comprising: ~~at least one heat exchanger, characterized by the process steps of~~

a) providing ~~a~~ an area metal sheet having a width b which is substantially equal to a width of the side part,

b) precutting sections of an edge of at least one piece of the surface of the metal sheet, and

c) deforming the at least one piece of the surface out of a plane which is predetermined by the ~~area~~ metal sheet, to form at least one reinforcing fin.

10. (New) A heat exchanger unit, comprising:

at least one heat exchanger, said heat exchanger comprising:

(a) tubes;

(b) heat-transfer fins; and

(c) at least one side part, said side part comprising:

(i) a baseplate; and

(ii) at least one reinforcing fin,

wherein at least one reinforcing fin comprises a cut out portion of the baseplate which is attached to the base plate along a single edge, which is bent at an angle out of a plane of the baseplate, and which creates an aperture in the baseplate.

11. (New) The heat exchanger unit as claimed in claim 10, wherein the cut out portion of the baseplate is rectangular in shape.

12. (New) The heat exchanger according to claim 11, wherein the cut out portion of the baseplate comprises four edges, is cut out along three of the four edges, and is bent at an angle out of a plane of the baseplate along the fourth edge.

13. (New) The heat exchanger according to claim 10, wherein the cut out portion of the baseplate comprises at least one aperture in the cut out portion.

14. (New) The heat exchanger unit as claimed in claim 10, wherein the angle is about 90°.

15. (New) The heat exchanger unit as claimed in claim 10, wherein the angle is an angle between about 0° and about 90°.

16. (New) A motor vehicle comprising a heat exchanger according to claim 10.